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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jang B. Rampal, et al.

Serial No: 09/694,701

Filed: October 23, 2000

For: IMMOBILIZATION OF
BIOPOLYMERS TO AMINATED
SUBSTRATES BY DIRECT
ADSORPTION

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the text of claim 29 with the following text:

29. (Amended) A method of detecting a target biopolymer contained in a sample, comprising the steps of:

- providing a modified substrate;
- providing a probe biopolymer that can form a complex with the target biopolymer;
- contacting either the probe or target biopolymer with a surface of the substrate and drying the substrate whereby either the probe or target biopolymer directly adsorbs on the substrate surface to form a probe assay article or a target assay article, respectively;

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